**Legislation on various health sciences**

577. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a request from the Government of Maharashtra for enacting Central Legislation on the issue of various health science courses as this field is not covered by any legislation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been received from the Government of Maharashtra for enacting a Central legislation with regard to the various aspects concerning higher professional education in health sciences. The proposal is in the nature of a suggestion, and no details have been given.

**Health problems in Kerala**

578. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that serious health problems including deformity of children were reported from Padre village of Kasargod district of Kerala;

(b) whether National Institute of Occupational Health Study found pesticide (Endosulfan) residues in human blood in this area as the reason for causing health problems to the people;

(c) whether in the study it was revealed that residues of Alpha and Beta Endosulfan are found in the environment too; and

(d) if so, the steps Government have taken to stop the use of these hazardous pesticides in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to